

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figs. 1-5 as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 18, 2010, has been reviewed and in view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-16 in the above Office Action. The only outstanding matters are formalities to which Applicants respond below.

In the above Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings filed 09 April 2004 as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.173(a)(2) requiring Applicants to submit a clean copy of each drawing sheet of the printed copy of the patent. The Office Action also notes that Figs. 3-5 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. In response to this objection, a replacement sheet drawing is being submitted herewith wherein Figs. 3-5 are designated as --Prior Art--. Upon further review, Applicants also believe that Figs. 1-2 can be designated as --Prior Art-- and replacement sheets are also provided therefor. In addition, although clean copies of the printed patent drawings were originally submitted, they do not appear to be part of the IFW for the present application. A duplicate copy is therefore attached hereto. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that the objections to the drawings have been obviated.

The Office Action also notes that the amendments to the claims proposed in the Amendments previously filed 27 March 2006, 02 May 2006, and 20 November 2006 do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b) due to the claim identifiers for claims 7-13, 17-19 and 11 in said respective amendments. In response to this objection, Applicants submit herewith Appendices A-B, wherein the claim amendments for two of said above amendments are correctly amended. Applicants respectfully note that

the Amendment of 02 May 2006 was in response to a Notice of Non-Compliance issued relative to the Amendment of 26 March 2006. The Amendment of 02 May 2006 corrected many of the claim amendment issues, but still failed to correct the claim identifiers for claims 17-19. Accordingly, in order to lessen any confusion, only the claims in the Amendment of 02 May 2006 are corrected herein. The Amendment of 27 March 2006 remains incorrect, as originally filed. If the claims of the Amendment of 26 March 2006 were to be corrected herein, they would be identical to those correctly presented herein relative to the Amendment of 02 May 2006, and Applicants respectfully contend, this would further complicate the issue as the 02 May 2006 Amendment was admittedly in response to a Notice of Non-Compliance.

Upon withdrawal of the drawing objection and satisfaction of the claim identifier issue, the only outstanding matter will be the reissue Declarations under 35 U.S.C. 251. In anticipation thereof and in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, supplemental Declarations by each of the inventors named in this application will be submitted shortly.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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